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DOMINICAN MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY

BOSTON—A citizen of the Dominican Republic was sentenced yesterday in federal court for illegally re-entering the United States after having been previously deported to the Dominican Republic from Boston in 1996.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Robin M. Avers, special agent-in-charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in New England announced that Julio Cesar Rodriguez, 39, of the Dominican Republic, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard G. Stearns to more than four and a half years' imprisonment, to be followed by three years of supervised release. On Jan. 14, 2005, Rodriguez pleaded guilty to having illegally re-entered the United States, having been previously deported.

At the earlier plea hearing, the prosecutor told the Court that, had the case proceeded to trial, the Government's evidence would have proven that Rodriguez, having been deported to the Dominican Republic on July 12, 1996, was found back in the United States on Aug. 3, 2004 by ICE agents. At the time he was in the custody of the Middleton House of Correction, where he was serving a sentence for Possession and Distribution of cocaine and Heroin, having been arrested on those charges by members of the Beverly and Salem Police Departments.

The case was investigated by ICE special agents. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul R. Moore in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.